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# ***Rights dangers are decried at guns, butter conference***

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President Ronald Reagan and the ultraright have launched new assaults on civil liberties in an effort to stifle dissent, longtime civil rights activist Frank Wilkinson said yesterday.

About 200 people cheered Wilkinson as he spoke on the last day of a three-day Guns or Butter Conference at Cleveland State University that included speeches and workshops.

The peace and jobs conference was sponsored by a large coalition of organizations, some of them religiously oriented and many opposed to increased defense spending. Similar conferences were held in Akron and Youngstown.

The Reagan agenda, Wilkinson said, was written by the ultraright and calls for reviving the un-American activities committees in both houses of Congress, passing

repressive legislation and limiting American liberties through executive orders.

The Senate has re-created the committee, but with a new name. Un-American won't fly with the public now, Wilkinson said, and neither will Communist.

So they now call it the Senate subcommittee on terrorism, he said. He accused the subcommittee of smear tactics similar to those of the House committee in the 1950s.

Wilkinson organized the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, now the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation. He once was banned from speaking on the subject at Ohio State University, a ban lifted in 1965.

Wilkinson also criticized the new version of an often-proposed criminal code reform bill. It calls for such penalties as six years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for those counseling conscientious

objectors on avoiding the draft and 12 years and the same fine for speaking or writing against an undeclared war that the Pentagon deems important, he said.

Three people picketing a draft board could be deemed rioters under the proposed bill, which also contains a provision for preventive detention similar to a law used in South Africa, Wilkinson said. It could be used to silence Reagan opponents, he said.

It is shocking that Reagan through executive order has let the CIA operate within the United States, Wilkinson said, when it was originally banned from domestic operations to prevent it from becoming an American Gestapo. He also criticized new guidelines for the FBI.

The FBI, he said, should be limited to criminal investigations and the CIA to a foreign information service for Congress. Abuses of federal agencies should be controlled by Congress, Wilkinson said.